

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
2 IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

3 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
4 DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS,
5 STATE OF FLORIDA,

6 Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2022-CA-000541

7 vs.

8 SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT
9 d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System, Inc.,
10 LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM d/b/a Lee Health,
11 NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT d/b/a Broward Health,
12 HALIFAX HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER d/b/a Halifax Health,
13 WEST VOLUSIA HOSPITAL AUTHORITY,
14 SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, and
15 PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

16 Defendants.

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Held Before the HONORABLE JOHN C. COOPER

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1 very quickly by an appellate court.

2 Therefore I'm granting the State's motion for
3 summary judgment for the reasons stated by the
4 State in its argument and in the motion; denying, I
5 think it's Halifax, Mr. Richard's motion for
6 summary judgment for the same reasons as I granted
7 the State's motion; and the other motions, motion
8 to dismiss or counterclaim, I think those are
9 subsumed into the ruling on the summary judgment.
10 So therefore I'm granting the summary judgment.
11 This needs to get up to the First District right
12 away to get a more detailed determination.

13 It seems to me, the circumstances of this
14 case, this multi-state, statewide settlement,
15 whether one thinks that it's good or bad, you know
16 that's not my place to say, but I don't see how you
17 could have a settlement such as this if they
18 were -- if multiple governmental entities were
19 allowed to separately litigate. You would have no
20 settlement. It would be a group of people
21 litigating for years on this. I don't think that's
22 what's contemplated in the -- in this process.

23 I think the State and the AG, in this case
24 the Attorney General had authority to proceed as it
25 did, and I find that.